

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/600,629

Examiner

Allen C. Ho

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 03 March 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 25,35-47 and 51.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 03 March 2005 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Claims 25, 35, 39, 42, 44-47, and 51 have been amended as follows:

- (1) Claim 25, line 1, "amended" has been replaced by --currently amended--.
- (2) Claim 35, line 1, "amended" has been replaced by --currently amended--.
- (3) Claim 39, line 1, "amended" has been replaced by --currently amended--.
- (4) Claim 42, line 1, "amended" has been replaced by --currently amended--.
- (5) Claim 44, line 1, "amended" has been replaced by --original--.
- (6) Claim 45, line 1, "amended" has been replaced by --original--.
- (7) Claim 46, line 1, "amended" has been replaced by --original--.
- (8) Claim 47, line 1, "amended" has been replaced by --currently amended--.
- (9) Claim 51, line 1, "amended" has been replaced by --currently amended--.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 25, 35-47, and 51 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With regard to claim 25, although the prior art discloses a relocatable security inspection system comprising a support beam section having a first end and a second end, a first leg section pivotally connected to the first end of the support beam section, and a second leg section pivotally connected to the second end of the support beam section, it fails to teach or fairly suggest that the relocatable security inspection system further comprises a locking mechanism disposed on at least one of the support beam section and the first and second leg sections for detachably connecting the inspection system to a delivery vehicle as claimed.

With regard to claims 35-38, the prior art fails to disclose a method of deploying a security inspection system from a delivery vehicle to an inspection site as claimed.

With regard to claims 39-41, the prior art fails to disclose a method of deploying a security inspection system from a delivery vehicle to an inspection site as claimed.

With regard to claims 42-46, although the prior art discloses a relocatable security inspection system comprising a frame having first and second leg sections spaced apart from one another and a self-propelling drive attached to the frame for moving the frame, it fails to teach or fairly suggest a processor that provides instructions to the frame to correct its path of travel based on information from the light sensor as claimed.

With regard to claim 47, although the prior art discloses a relocatable security inspection system comprising a frame having a first and second leg sections spaced apart from one another, it fails to teach or fairly suggest that the frame is collapsible via a plurality of hinges as claimed.

With regard to claim 51, although the prior art discloses a method of inspecting an object comprising the steps of deploying an x-ray imaging scanner from a delivery vehicle into an imaging position and self-propelling the scanner relative to the object to image the object, it fails

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to teach or fairly suggest the step of regulating the speed and/or alignment with a light source, a light sensor, and a processor as claimed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed 03 March 2005 with respect to the drawings have been fully considered and are persuasive. The objections of the drawings have been withdrawn.

5. Applicant's arguments filed 03 March 2005 with respect to the specification have been fully considered and are persuasive. The objections of the specification have been withdrawn.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Allen C. Ho whose telephone number is (571) 272-2491. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward J. Glick can be reached at (571) 272-2490. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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